

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please Amend the claims as indicated in the following list. Additions are indicated by underlining and deletions by strikethroughs. This list replaces all previous lists.

- 1 (Currently Amended). A ~~H~~hydrodynamic clutch (~~1; 1.2; 1.3a; 1.3b; 1.3c; 1.4a; 1.4b~~);
- ~~1.1~~ with a primary impeller (~~2; 2.2; 2.3a; 2.3b; 2.3c; 2.4; 2.4a; 2.4b~~) and a secondary impeller (~~3; 3.2a; 3.3a; 3.3b; 3.3c; 3.4; 3.4a; 3.4b~~), which together form a working chamber (~~4; 4.2; 4.3a; 4.3b; 4.3c; 4.4; 4.4a; 4.4b~~);
- ~~1.2~~ with a means for ~~the~~ influencing of ~~the~~ a transmission ratio of the hydrodynamic clutch (~~1; 1.2; 1.3a; 1.3b; 1.3c; 1.4a; 1.4b~~), in particular ~~for the~~ influencing of the circulation flow in the working chamber (~~4; 4.2; 4.3a; 4.3b; 4.3c; 4.4; 4.4a; 4.4b~~), comprising at least an element (~~5; 5.2; 5.3a; 5.3b; 5.3c; 5.4a; 5.4b; 5.5~~) which forms an interference or baffle region, that extends at least partly into the working chamber (~~4; 4.2; 4.3a; 4.3b; 4.3c; 4.4; 4.4a; 4.4b~~);
- ~~characterized by the following feature:~~
- ~~1.3~~ — the element (~~5; 5.2; 5.3a; 5.3b; 5.3c; 5.4a; 5.4b; 5.5~~) which forms the interference or baffle region and is displaceable in ~~the~~ an axial direction in the working chamber (~~4; 4.2; 4.3a; 4.3b; 4.3c; 4.4; 4.4a; 4.4b~~).
- 2 (Currently Amended). The ~~h~~Hydrodynamic clutch (~~1; 1.2; 1.3a; 1.3b; 1.3c; 1.4a; 1.4b~~) according to claim 1, ~~characterized by that~~ wherein the element which forms the interference or baffle region (~~1; 1.2; 1.3a; 1.3b; 1.3c; 1.4a; 1.4b; 2; 2.2; 2.3a; 2.3b; 2.3c; 2.4; 2.4a; 2.4b; 3; 3.2a; 3.3a; 3.3b; 3.3c; 3.4; 3.4a; 3.4b; 4; 4.2; 4.3a; 4.3b; 4.3c; 4.4; 4.4a; 4.4b; 5; 5.2; 5.3a; 5.3b; 5.3c; 5.4a; 5.4b; 5.5~~) is implemented as a ring shaped disk element.
- 3 (Currently Amended). The ~~H~~hydrodynamic clutch (~~1; 1.2; 1.3a; 1.3b; 1.3c; 1.4a; 1.4b~~) according to claim 2, ~~characterized by that~~ wherein the element which forms the interference or baffle region is implemented as a washer segment (~~1; 1.2; 1.3a; 1.3b; 1.3c; 1.4a; 1.4b; 2; 2.2; 2.3a; 2.3b; 2.3c; 2.4; 2.4a; 2.4b; 3; 3.2a; 3.3a; 3.3b; 3.3c; 3.4; 3.4a; 3.4b; 4; 4.2; 4.3a;~~

4.3b; 4.3c; 4.4; 4.4a; 4.4b; 5; 5.2; 5.3a; 5.3b; 5.3c; 5.4a; 5.4b; 5.5).

4 (Currently Amended). The Hhydrodynamic clutch (1; 1.2; 1.3a; 1.3b; 1.3c; 1.4a; 1.4b) according to ~~one of the claims~~claim 2 or 3, characterized by ~~that~~wherein the ring shaped disk element comprises the front sides, which point away from each other, of the ring shaped disk element and(1; 1.2; 1.3a; 1.3b; 1.3c; 1.4a; 1.4b; 2; 2.2; 2.3a; 2.3b; 2.3c; 2.4; 2.4a; 2.4b; 3; 3.2a; 3.3a; 3.3b; 3.3c; 3.4; 3.4a; 3.4b; 4; 4.2; 4.3a; 4.3b; 4.3c; 4.4; 4.4a; 4.4b; 5; 5.2; 5.3a; 5.3b; 5.3c; 5.4a; 5.4b; 5.5) are arranged parallel to each other.

5 (Currently Amended). The Hhydrodynamic clutch (1.5) according to ~~one of the claims~~claim 2 or 3, characterized by ~~that~~wherein the a front side of the ring shaped disk element, which points in between the impellers (2.5, 3.5) to ~~the a~~ parting plane, is constructed with an inclination over at least a part of its radial extension in ~~the a direction~~ radial direction to ~~the a~~ central diameter of the working chamber (8.5).

6 (Currently Amended). The Hhydrodynamic clutch (1.5) according to claim 5, characterized by ~~that~~wherein the front side of the ring shaped disk element, which points in between the impellers (2.5; 3.5) to the parting plane, is constructed unevenly, in particular curved, in ~~the a direction~~ radial direction to the central diameter of the working chamber (8.5).

7 (Currently Amended). The Hhydrodynamic clutch (1; 1.2; 1.3a; 1.4a) according to ~~one of the claims~~claim 1 to 6, characterized by ~~that~~wherein the element (5; 5.2; 5.3a; 5.4a) which forms an interference or baffle region is arranged, viewed in ~~the a~~ radial direction, in ~~the a~~ region of ~~the an~~ external diameter (d_{A4}) of the working chamber (4.3b, 4.4b) and comprises an internal diameter (d_{I5}) that is larger than ~~the an~~ internal diameter (d_{I4}) of the working chamber (4; 4.2; 4.3a; 4.4a).

8 (Currently Amended). The Hhydrodynamic clutch (1.3b; 1.4b) according to ~~one of the claims~~claim 1 to 6, characterized by ~~that~~wherein the element (5.3b; 5.4b) which forms an interference or baffle region is arranged in ~~the a~~ region of ~~the an~~ internal diameter (d_{I4}) of

the working chamber (4.3b, 4.4b) and ~~by that it comprises an external diameter (d_{A5}) that is smaller than the~~ an external diameter (d_{A4}) of the working chamber (4.3b, 4.4b).

9 (Currently Amended). ~~The H~~hydrodynamic clutch (1; 1.3a; 1.3b) according to ~~one of the~~ claims claim 1 to 8, characterized by that wherein the element (5; 5.3a; 5.3b) is assigned to one of the two impellers (2; 2.3a; 2.3b; 3; 3.3a; 3.3b), whereby the one of the two impellers comprises a blade carrying part, (8; 8.3a; 8.3b) which contains a, ~~in the axial direction displaceable, and the flow circulation guiding, wall region (7) that is~~ displaceable in an axial direction and guides flow circulation and wherein by that the element (5; 5.3a; 5.3b) which forms the baffle and interference region forms a structural unit with ~~this the~~ the wall region (7).

10 (Currently Amended). ~~The H~~hydrodynamic clutch (1; 1.3a; 1.3b) according to claim 9, ~~characterized by that wherein~~ the element (5; 5.3a; 5.3b) which forms the baffle or interference region forms an integral unit with the ~~axially displaceable wall region (7) an~~ integral unit.

11 (Currently Amended). ~~The H~~hydrodynamic clutch (1; 1.2; 1.3e; 1.4; 1.5) according to ~~one of the~~ claims claim 1 to 8, characterized by that wherein the element (5; 5.2; 5.3e; 5.4; 5.5) which forms the interference or baffle region is constructed as a separate component.

12 (Currently Amended). ~~The H~~hydrodynamic clutch (1; 1.2; 1.3e; 1.4; 1.5), according to claim 11, ~~characterized by the following features wherein:~~

- ~~12.1~~ the element (5; 5.2; 5.3e; 5.4; 5.5) which forms the interference or baffle region is assigned to ~~an~~ one of the two impellers (2; 2.2; 2.3e; 2.4; 2.5; 3; 3.2; 3.3e; 3.4; 3.5);
- ~~12.2~~ the one of the two impellers (2; 2.2; 2.3e; 2.4; 2.5; 3; 3.2; 3.3e; 3.4; 3.5) contains a blade carrying part;

- 12.3 the blade carrying part (~~8; 8.2; 8.3e; 8.4; 8.5~~) extends, viewed in ~~the~~ a radial direction, always only over a part of ~~the~~ an extension of ~~the~~ individual blades of a blading in this direction;
- 12.4 the blades of the blading (14) freely project in ~~the~~ a radial direction in ~~the~~ a region of ~~the~~ an internal diameter (~~d_{i4}~~) or ~~the~~ an external diameter (~~d_{A8}~~) of the working chamber (~~4; 4.2; 4.3e; 4.4; 4.5~~) in ~~the~~ a region that is free from the blade carrying part (~~8; 8.2; 8.3e; 8.4; 8.5~~) with its in radial direction oriented end regions (~~13.1~~); and
- 12.5 the element which forms the interference or baffle region (~~5; 5.2; 5.3e; 5.4; 5.5~~) contains on ~~the~~ an external circumference or ~~the~~ an inner circumference guiding slits (16) for ~~the~~ guidance of guiding the blades of the blading (14) which are arranged adjacent to each other in ~~the~~ a circumferential direction.

13 (Currently Amended). The Hhydrodynamic clutch (~~1; 1.2; 1.3e; 1.4; 1.5~~), according to claim 11, ~~characterized by the following features~~ wherein:

- 13.1 the element (~~5.3a; 5.3e; 5.4; 5.5~~) which forms the interference or baffle region is assigned one of the impellers (~~2.3; 2.3a; 3.3a; 2.3e; 3.3e; 2.5; 3.5~~);
- 13.2 the one of the impellers contains a blade carrying part; and
- 13.3 the blade carrying part (~~8.3a; 8.3e; 8.4~~) and ~~the~~ a blading (~~14.3a; 14.3e; 14.4~~), viewed in ~~the~~ a radial direction, ~~are characterized~~ include at ~~the~~ an internal diameter (~~d_i~~) or ~~the~~ an external diameter (~~d_A~~) of the ~~respective one of the~~ impellers, (~~2.3; 2.3a; 3.3a; 2.3e; 3.3e; 2.5; 3.5~~) by a constant diameter over ~~the~~ an axial extension, whereby this is formed by ~~the~~ shaping of a blade part segment with ~~the~~ a pertinent sub region of the blade carrying part.

14 (Currently Amended). The Hhydrodynamic clutch (~~1; 1.2; 1.3a; 1.3b; 1.3e; 1.4a; 1.4b~~) according to ~~one of the claims~~ claim 11 to 13, ~~characterized by that~~ wherein the element (~~3; 3.2a; 3.3a; 3.3b; 3.3e; 3.4; 3.4a; 3.4b~~) which forms an interference or baffle region is guided at the respective impeller (~~2; 2.2; 2.3a; 2.3b; 2.3e; 2.4; 2.4a; 2.4b; 3; 3.2a; 3.3a; 3.3b; 3.3e; 3.4; 3.4a; 3.4b~~) or by an element that is coupled torque proof to it.

15 (Currently Amended). The Hhydrodynamic clutch (1; 1.2; 1.3a; 1.3b; 1.3e; 1.4a; 1.4b) according to ~~one of the claims~~claim 11 to 13, ~~characterized by that~~wherein the element (5; 5.2; 5.3a; 5.3b; 5.3e; 5.4a; 5.4b; 5.5) which forms an interference or baffle region is guided by an element which rotates relative to one of the impellers (2; 2.2; 2.3a; 2.3b; 2.3e; 2.4; 2.4a; 2.4b; 3; 3.2a; 3.3a; 3.3b; 3.3e; 3.4; 3.4a; 3.4b) or by an element that is coupled torque proof to it.

16 (Currently Amended). The Hhydrodynamic clutch (1; 1.2; 1.3a; 1.3b; 1.3e; 1.4a; 1.4b) according to ~~one of the claims~~claim 11 to 13, ~~characterized by that~~wherein the element (5; 5.2; 5.3a; 5.3b; 5.3e; 5.4a; 5.4b; 5.5) which forms an interference or baffle region is guided at a stationary component or casing (21; 24; 25) or by an element which is coupled torque proof to an impeller (21; 24; 25; 2; 2.2; 2.3a; 2.3b; 2.3e; 2.4; 2.4a; 2.4b; 3; 3.2a; 3.3a; 3.3b; 3.4b).

17 (Currently Amended). The Hhydrodynamic clutch (1; 1.2; 1.3b; 1.4b; 1.5; 1.6) according to ~~the claims~~claim 1 to 16, ~~characterized by that~~wherein the element (5; 5.2; 5.3b; 5.4b; 5.5; 5.6) which forms the interference or baffle region is assigned to the primary impeller (2; 2.2; 2.3b; 2.4b; 2.5; 2.6).

18 (Currently Amended). The Hhydrodynamic clutch (1.3a; 1.4a) according to ~~one of the claims~~claim 1 to 17, ~~characterized by that~~wherein the element (5.3a; 5.4a) which forms the interference or baffle region is assigned to the secondary impeller (3.3a; 3.4).

19 (Currently Amended). Procedure for ~~the~~influencing of ~~the~~a torque that a hydrodynamic clutch (1; 1.2; 1.3a; 1.3b; 1.3e; 1.4a; 1.4b) can absorb comprising, whereby the providing the hydrodynamic clutch (1; 1.2; 1.3a; 1.3b; 1.3e; 1.4a; 1.4b) with a primary and a secondary impeller which together form a working chamber; and providing the hydrodynamic clutch with~~contains~~ at least an element which forms a baffle or interference region for ~~the~~circulation flow, which extends at least partly into the working chamber (4; 4.2; 4.3e; 4.4; 4.5), ~~characterized by that~~wherein the element (5;

~~5.2; 5.3a; 5.3b; 5.3c; 5.4a; 5.4b; 5.5~~) which forms the baffle or interference region is displaceable in ~~the~~ an axial direction in the working chamber ~~(4; 4.2; 4.3c; 4.4; 4.5)~~.

20 (Currently Amended). Procedure according to claim 19, ~~characterized by that~~ wherein the element ~~(5; 5.2; 5.3a; 5.3b; 5.3c; 5.4a; 5.4b; 5.5)~~ ~~that~~ which forms the baffle or interference region ~~at high slippage values~~ is active at high slippage values in ~~the~~ a region of ~~the~~ a parting plane in the working chamber and the influencing of the torque can be described as a function of ~~the~~ a position of the element that forms at least a baffle or interference region.

21 (New). A hydrodynamic clutch according to claim 1, wherein the means for influencing the transmission ratio of the hydrodynamic clutch includes a means for influencing a circulation flow in the working chamber.

22 (New). A hydrodynamic clutch according to claim 6, wherein the front side, which points in between the impellers to the parting plane, is curved in the direction radial to a central diameter of the working chamber.